VICTORY FLASHES *from* MUHLENBERG

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Dear Mules:

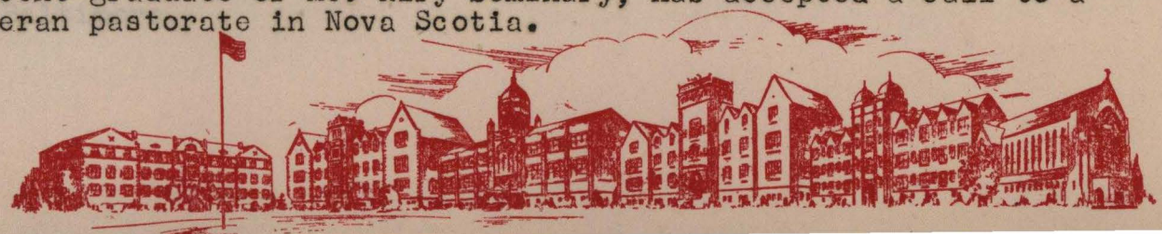
I've just returned from a short rest in the Poconos and the first thing to be done is to get off the regular letter to you. I'll try to bring you up to date on the campus situation and then relate the news of the men in service who have written to me since my last letter to you.

Big news on the campus these days is the football squad which is working out twice daily under the tutelage of Coaches Schwartzwalder, Lough, and Barker. From all indications, the Mules will pack a lot of beef when they open their season against Lafayette in Easton on September 28. The heaviest man on the squad is Sisto Averno, a 240 pound tackle aspirant from Paterson, New Jersey. Eugene Graner, a 6 foot, 3 inch lad from Allentown weighing 233 is another husky in the higher weight brackets. There are two 222 pounders, both out for tackle, one Allentown boy, Howard Graner and a Palmerton lad, Paul Skorinko. Alex Kononchuk, from Coaldale, scales at 203.

A goodly number of the embryo Mules are boys out of service who played with the coaches in Parkersburg, West Virginia, Canton, Ohio, and in the Army. Among these are Bill Barker, Bud's brother, a back from McMechan, West Virginia, Irving Dean, Blacksville, West Virginia, Carmon Sbordone and Harold Bell, Parkersburg, West Virginia, and Jack Crider, from Canton, Ohio. The full crew now drilling consists of 53 men and promises to form a formidable combination. Some of the old men who have worn the Cardinal and Gray colors in the field in previous campaigns are George Bibighaus, Mike Fidorack, Bob Mirth, Carl Reimer, Al Rubbert, Ed Sikorski, and Johnny Sweatlock.

Other changes are taking place around the grounds of your College. The road leading into the campus from 23rd Street has been closed and will be a walk for students, coming from East Hall. All traffic will now enter the grounds from Chew Street. Office space is being redistributed and when you return you will find the Alumni Office and the Public Relations Office located in the room which now houses the telephone switchboard. The Business Manager and the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds will move to new offices which will be constructed in the main office, which will also house the two new Deans, a conference room, and enlarged quarters for the President and his staff. The telephone operators will be located in the lobby, while Haps and his staff will occupy the recently renovated Navy offices, the former Latin room (to you old timers.) Additional offices are being constructed for the various department heads on the second floor of the Ad. Building. While these physical changes will make the place look a bit different, you can rest assured that the same old familiar welcome will always be here for you when you return. Our face may be lifted, but our spirit remains the same.

Now for some news culled from the local papers. EDWARD "BUD" BOSSICK '43 has been appointed as an instructor in the Department of Physical Education at Drexel Institute of Technology. Bud will serve as back field coach of the football team under Ralph "Horse" Chase, who formerly coached the Mule line under Doggie Julian. ED LUKENS '44, former Editor of the student handbook while at College and a recent graduate of Mt. Airy Seminary, has accepted a call to a Lutheran pastorate in Nova Scotia.



DONALD B. MANCKE '32, has recently been named as office manager of the sales department, Bethlehem Steel Company. REV. WALTER R. KROUSE '29 has resigned his position as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Catasauqua, due to failing health.

ATTORNEY GEORGE A RUPP '23 of the law firm of Butz, Steckel, Hudders, and Rupp, has resumed his law practice after 42 months of service as an officer in the Navy. Discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Commander, he spent the last eleven months in Korea and China, where as a member of a Military Government team, he was instrumental in reorganizing the judicial system of Korea to conform to American standards.

LIEUTENANT JAMES L. TYSON, son of Dr. and Mrs. Levering Tyson, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal by the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Forces in Europe. Lieutenant Tyson, who is with the staff of Time Magazine in New York, was cited by the Army for meritorious service in connection with military operations as a representative of the Enemy Objectives Unit, Office of Strategic Services, attached to Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.

EDWARD "SCRAPPER" FARRELL '39, 220 pound fullback and former Muhlenberg College and Pittsburgh-Brooklyn Dodger star, has signed a contract to play professional football with the Bethlehem Bulldogs. "Scrapper", who played with the Wilmington Clippers in 1940 and 1941 when he was selected All-American League fullback and led the Clippers to the American League pennant, has decided to play one more season of football and then enter the University of Pennsylvania in January to get his Masters Degree in Health and Physical Education.

REV. LUTHER H. VOGEL '39 has been appointed Chaplain with the rank of first lieutenant, of the 73rd AAA Gun Battalion whose headquarters are in Easton with detachments in Bethlehem and Allentown

PAUL J. KERN '32, who has been a civil service supervisor in aviation at Keesler Field, Mississippi, for the past five years, has been chosen as one of seven men to serve in the same capacity for a period of 18 months to two years in Tokyo, Japan. Paul will leave for Japan by plane and his wife will follow by ship in 90 days.

And now for the mail. LT.(JG) PAUL E. MORENTZ '43 is out of the Navy and has decided to return to Muhlenberg for some additional work. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FREEMAN J. CLAUSS '39 is in charge of the Press section of the Fourth Naval District Public Information Office and is boosting the new million man post-war Naval Reserve. A fine letter from JOHN R. KERN JR. '42 tells of meeting HAROLD BENJAMIN '42 and RALPH HAUZE '42. Ralph was stationed as Vocational Counselor at Ft. Meade for the past seven months and was expecting to return to civilian life.

CHARLES R. BUPP '46 is taking life leisurely back home in Jacobus, Pa., after his separation from the Navy. Charles spoke some kind words about the service letter and said that it was the only letter of its kind that he saw while in the Pacific. ASTOLFO C. OTTOLENGHI '41, was discharged from the Army in February, married in England, and is now living in New York City. CHAPLAIN ALVIN BUTZ '37 who served at Sampson, New York and aboard the fleet aircraft carrier, Kearsarge, has returned to his home in Silverdale, Pa. JOHN M. METZGER '42 has a new address at Harvard, after moving for the fifth time in the past eight months.

After a long silence, ALBERT WEISS '42 has finally broken the ice with a letter. After leaving Muhlenberg, Al spent three years at Penn Medical School, did his interneship at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, and now is on active duty, stationed at the U.S. Veterans Hospital, Canandaigna, N.Y. Al reports that the countryside is beautiful, swimming and boating is one of the chief attractions, and of course, the added attraction of his wife, the former Cecelia Miller of Baltimore.

BERT LEVINSTONE '42, who is stationed at the U.S. Veterans Hospital, Lyons, N.J. tells us of his approaching marriage to Miss Mildred Rothfield, of Hillside, N.J. The date has been set for November. Congratulations, Bert!

GEORGE SINICHKO V44 has been transferred to Guam where he expects to stay for the next ten months. George says that life on Guam isn't the best in the world but it is far from being the worst. He will welcome letters from his buddies in the V-12 program. Address him GSD, NSC, Navy 926, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

LIEUTENANT FRITZ RAKER '40 has been separated from the service and is at his home in Allentown.

Here are the promotions that have come across the desk. CAPTAIN JOHN L. TYSON '44, MAJOR GEORGE S. SMITH '28, LT. (JG) EDWARD W. KLINK '42, T/4 LEONARD WETHERHOLD '43, SECOND LT. CHARLES S. MCCAIN V44, CAPTAIN GEORGE F. REICHWEIN '40, MAJOR JACOB LEVY '24, T/5 ROBERT A. WEISENBERG '38, LT. COMDR. FRANCIS C. O'NEIL '39, CPL. EUGENE J. GALLAGHER '42, MAJOR RICHARD J. SEXTON '40, ENSIGN HARRY T. GOWER, JR. V44, FIRST LT. ARTHUR MCTIGHE '33, ENSIGN EUGENE K. SCHLEY V44, FIRST LT. NELSON BRAMER '37, WILLIAM R. RIEKERT, ETM 2/c '49, ALFRED A. RATCLIFFE, BM 2/C V45, ENSIGN GEORGE D. SELFRIDGE V44, MAJOR BENJAMIN WALBERT, JR. '39, LT.(JG) ROBERT M. YODER '45, MAJOR ALBERT URSIN '35, CAPTAIN WALLACE J. LOWRIGHT '23, CPL. WILLIAM S. ESTERLY '32, and CAPTAIN WILLIAM L. LOBB '40.

That seems to be the end of the mailbag for this time. By the time that the next letter rolls out to you, we will be in the middle of Freshman Week, which we are starting again, and I will be able to give you some idea of the new men who are entering 'Berg. Your letters are always welcome and especially, are we interested in your discharge date, when that great day arrives. Good luck to all of you and let me hear from you.

Cordially,

John

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